PROVIDING FOR THE TRANSFER OF THE JEREMIAH CURTAIN HOME AND UNDERLYING LAND TO THE MILWAUKEE COUNTY HISTORICAL SOCIETY

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Mr. Maybank, from the Committee on Banking and Currency, submitted the following

REPORT

[To accompany H. R. 4792]

The Committee on Banking and Currency, to whom was referred the bill (H. R. 4792) to provide for the transfer of the Jeremiah Curtin home and underlying land to the Milwaukee County Historical Society by the Public Housing Administration, having considered the same, report favorably thereon without amendment and recommend that the bill do pass.

GENERAL STATEMENT

This bill would provide for the transfer to the Milwaukee County Historical Society of the Jeremiah Curtin home and underlying land, consisting of approximately one-fourth of 1 acre, which is presently

owned by the Public Housing Administration.

The property covered by the bill is located in Milawukee County, Wis., on the Greendale project under the jurisdiction of the Public Housing Administration, one of the constituent agencies of the Housing and Home Finance Agency. The Greendale project is a suburban resettlement project which was constructed under authority contained in the National Industrial Recovery Act of 1933. The Congress has previously authorized the sale of this project together with two other similar projects. Negotiations are now being conducted for the sale of the Greendale project on a subdivided basis.

The Jeremiah Curtin home is an old stone house which the Milwaukee County Historical Society desires to restore and maintain. The Milwaukee County Historical Society at the present time maintains three public museums. The Jeremiah Curtin stone house which was built in the pioneer days of Wisconsin would be restored and

maintained by the society as a historical exhibit. Your committee has been informed that a relative of Mr. Jeremiah Curtin has preserved the furnishings of the old stone house against the time when the house would be restored.

Your committee has been informed by the Housing and Home Finance Agency that the proposed transfer of the house together with the underlying land described in the bill would not adversely affect

either the operation or disposition of the Greendale project.

Title to the house and land would revert, at the option of the United States, to the United States in the event that the society failed to use the property for the purposes for which it is transferred or alienates or attempts to alienate the property. In view of the fact that the value of the land proposed to be transferred by this bill is nominal together with the protection to the Government, your committee is of the opinion that the proposed bill should be enacted into law.